(b) and (c) Railway Projects undertaken on the Railways are need based and dependent on requirement of traffic and various considerations

Filling of backlog in reserved vacancies

1919 SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the detailed figure of backlogs in all groups of Railway Service in respect of reserved vacancies for Scheduled Tribes,

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to fill up the vacancies for STs including the backlogs immediately; and

(c) by when the backlog is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The backlog vacancies (including the carried forward reservation) of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in recruitment categories as on 31 3 2004 on Indian Railways are as under —

Group	No of backlog vacancies of STs
'A'	Nil
'B'	Nil
'C,	2044
'D'	2689
TOTAL	4733

(b) and (c) In pursuance of Railway Budget 2004-2005 Speech (para 83-84), instructions for launching of Special Recruitment Drive (SRD) to fill up the backlog vacancies of Scheduled Tribes (STs) existing as on 31 3 2004 in Group 'C' and Group 'D' in a time bound manner i e by 30 6 2005 have since been issued to all the Zonal Railways/Production Units